

# GATEWAY WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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February 12, 2014

Mr. Joseph Yun  
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Dear Gentlemen:

The Gateway Water Management Authority "GWMA" represents the Gateway Region with more than 2 million people in Southeastern Los Angeles County and is a DWR-approved Integrated Regional Water Management area. In September of last year, GWMA adopted and submitted its first IRWM Plan to DWR using a \$950,000 IRWM Planning Grant. In December 2013, our neighboring IRWM Region's Leadership Committee, the Greater Los Angeles Region, adopted its IRWM Plan Update 2013 which is now being adopted by their Regional Water Management Group members. It has also been submitted for review to DWR. We would like to make DWR aware of some concerns that we have regarding the GLAC's IRWM Plan 2013 Update that we respectfully request attention be given.

During the GLAC's Public Comment Period, many Gateway Region member cities and agencies, as well as the Gateway Cities Council of Governments "COG" submitted Public Comment Letters (attached) which were not adequately addressed. The essence of the comments were to request that individual cities and organizations not be included as participants in the Greater LA IRWM planning process. As an example, the Gateway Region member cities and agencies voluntarily did not attend, participate or even submit projects through the Greater LA IRWM planning update process. Rather, they actively participated in the Gateway IRWM Plan process. We are proud to say that there was significant and consistent stakeholder involvement and input throughout our Plan development process and reflects the true nature of regional planning from the bottom up.

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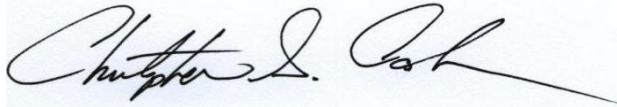
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Unfortunately, throughout different areas of the GLAC Updated Plan document, the Gateway Region cities and member agencies are listed. GWMA submitted 2 separate letters, while the Gateway Cities COG and most of our RWMG members also submitted formal letters which were essentially ignored by the GLAC Leadership Committee. The Plan was not changed. Thus, we are concerned that the GLAC Plan Update does not accurately depict the stakeholder participation process which is vital in a public planning document.

We respectfully submit this letter to DWR for consideration as the GLAC IRWM Plan Update is being reviewed. It is our hope that DWR and GLAC will honor the attached requests so we can focus on working side by side and moving forward together.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Cash, Chair  
GWMA

cc: Assembly Members:  
Christina Garcia, Ian Calderon, Anthony Rendon, Bonnie Lowenthal  
Senator Ricardo Lara  
Secretary John Laird  
DWR: Director Mark Cowin, Paula Landis, Tracie Billington, Gary Bardini  
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May 21, 2013

Ms. Rochelle Paras  
GLAC Leadership Committee Chair  
GLAC Leadership Committee Members  
900 South Fremont  
Alhambra, CA 91803

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY "GLAC" INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN "IRWMP" UPDATE 2013

Dear Ms. Paras, et al:

On behalf of the Gateway Water Management Authority "GWMA", I respectfully submit the following comments:

In general, these comments relate to the inappropriateness of GLAC to plan for the Gateway Region. It is a wasteful duplication of effort and costs for the local and state taxpayers.

GLAC's IRWM Plan includes a sub-region called "Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Sub-Region". This area covers most of the Gateway Region which has just completed its own IRWM Plan. Adoption of this Plan by the GWMA and its stakeholders is expected in June through August of 2013.

1. References in the GLAC IRWM Plan that relate to the Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers sub-region should be deleted. The GWMA is in charge of planning for the Gateway Region which is inclusive of the Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles region.
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2. References in the text or maps contained in the GLAC IRWM Plan that relate to all of its member cities and agencies including the Central Basin Municipal Water District and the Long Beach Water Department should be deleted throughout the document.

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3. Any city or agency within the Gateway region, regardless of membership is considered a Gateway region stakeholder for purposes of planning and implementation. All references to stakeholders within the Gateway region should be deleted.
4. Coordination with the Gateway COG is being done by the GWMA. Please delete any reference to the Gateway COG and refer them to the Gateway IRWM Plan.

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5. The City of Long Beach, in support of the Gateway regional planning effort has submitted all of its potential projects in the GWMA IRWMP. Please delete any and all references to their projects, including the Graywater project.
6. The City of Lynwood is an active stakeholder participant as well as a GWMA member. Please delete references to projects with the City of Lynwood.
7. Disadvantaged community outreach and participation is being done in coordination with the Gateway COG and the cities. Please delete all references to disadvantaged community identification and outreach within the Gateway jurisdictional region.
8. The 8 projects submitted for the Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles sub-region reflect the non-local participation. By deleting the Long Beach Graywater Project, the remaining 7 project proponents are very large regional agencies with no local stakeholder participation. Please transfer those projects to the Gateway Region which does have significant local stakeholder participation.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments on the GLAC IRWM Plan Update. We look forward to coordinating our mutual efforts as adjacent, cooperating planning areas in Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Cash, Chair

GWMA

cc: GWMA Board Members and Stakeholders  
DWR – Mr. Mark Cowin, Paula Landis, Gary Bardini

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June 11, 2013

Ms. Rochelle Paras  
GLAC Leadership Committee Chair  
GLAC Leadership Committee Members  
900 South Fremont  
Alhambra, CA 91803

Dear Ms. Paras, et al:

## **Public Comments on Greater Los Angeles County "GLAC" Integrated Regional Water Management Plan "IRWMP" Update 2013**

The Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) represents the 27 cities located in Southeastern Los Angeles County, serving a population base of 2.1 million persons. The Port of Long Beach and the County of Los Angeles are also members of our joint powers authority. The GCCOG is the regional planning entity for our communities. The GCCOG also sponsored the Gateway Water Management Authority, which is the regional organization tasked with preparing our Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). We are respectfully submitting the following comments on behalf of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) relative to the GLAC's draft IRWMP

In 2007, the GCCOG recognized that water-related issues in our region's watersheds were critical to the vitality of our economy and environment. To that end, the GCCOG endorsed the plan that a separate joint powers authority be formed to solely focus on integrating our region's watershed plan. Within one year of that action, several cities and agencies formed the Los Angeles Gateway Region Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority, also known as the Gateway Water Management Authority (GWMA). The GWMA has grown to 23 members and is actively facilitating and assisting in many watershed-related programs and projects.

We strongly support the GWMA in all of its activities. We only recognize GWMA as the Regional Water Management Group for our region. We do not support the inclusion of our region in the GLAC IRWM Plan Update and your document should be revised to reflect this.

1. Please delete any reference to the GCCOG within the GLAC IRWM Plan Update. Coordination with the GCCOG is being coordinated by the GWMA. We have not engaged or participated with GLAC or its consultants on watershed planning efforts for our disadvantaged communities or on any other activity related to your IRWM planning efforts.
2. References in the GLAC IRWM Plan that relate to the Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers sub-region should be deleted. The GWMA is authorized to plan for the Gateway Region which is inclusive of the Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles region.
3. References in the text or maps contained in the GLAC IRWM Plan that relate to any Gateway region city or stakeholder should be deleted. The GWMA serves as the Regional Water Management Group "RWMG" for the Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles River region, as required by the IRWM program.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit these comments on the GLAC IRWM Plan Update. We look forward to coordinating GWMA's planning efforts with GLAC's efforts as adjacent, cooperating planning areas in Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,



Gene Daniels, President  
Board of Directors

cc: GCCOG Board Members  
GCCOG City Managers  
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DWR – Mr. Mark Cowin, Paula Landis, Gary Bardini



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**June 27, 2013**

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RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY "GLAC"  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN "IRWMP" UPDATE 2013

Dear Ms. Paras, et al:

As a member of the Regional Water Management Group "RWMG" for the Gateway Region, the **City of Artesia**, respectfully submits the following comments on the GLAC's IRWM Plan Update 2013.

1. Please delete all references to **City of Artesia, CA** in the text and maps contained in the GLAC IRWM Plan. We have participated in the Gateway Region IRWM Plan process. We are not participating as a stakeholder in GLAC's 2013 Plan Update.
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6. Please refer any planning activities and projects within our region to GWMA for inclusion in their IRWM Plan document.

**City of Arteisa** appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments on the GLAC IRWM Plan Update 2013. We urge you to acknowledge the Gateway Region as an independent planning region without any overlap. This will enable us to all move forward as adjoining regions working together on common issues and solutions

Sincerely,



**Carlos A. Alba, City Engineer**

cc: Grace Kast – Executive Officer  
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## CITY OF BELL

June 26, 2013

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REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN "IRWMP" UPDATE 2013

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As a member of the Regional Water Management Group "RWMG" for the Gateway Region, the City of Bell, respectfully submits the following comments on the GLAC's IRWMP Plan Update 2013.

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for Terry Rodrigue PE, City Engineer

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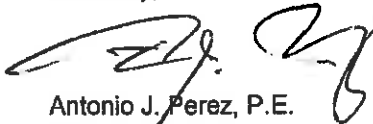
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Councilmember

May 23, 2013

Ms. Rochelle Paras  
GLAC Leadership Committee Chair  
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900 South Fremont  
Alhambra, CA 91803

RE: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY "GLAC" INTEGRATED  
REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN "IRWMP" UPDATE 2013

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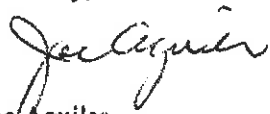
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June 28, 2013

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Hector Rodriguez, *City Manager*

cc: Grace Kast – Executive Officer

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# City of Downey

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UPDATE 2013

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Mario A. Guerra  
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cc: Grace Kast – Executive Officer, Gateway Water Management Authority,  
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# CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS

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June 20, 2013

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for Ernesto Marquez  
City Manager

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May 29, 2013

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Steve Croft  
Mayor

cc: Grace Kast, Executive Officer  
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# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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PATRICK H. WEST  
CITY MANAGER

June 28, 2013

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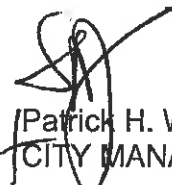
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/Patrick H. West  
CITY MANAGER

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*City of Montebello*

June 27, 2013

RE: Public Comments on Greater LA County "GLAC" Integrated Regional Water Management Plan "IRWMP" Update 2013

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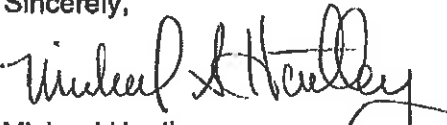
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Please contact Mr. Samuel T. Kouri, PE Deputy City Engineer with any technical questions or requests for information.

Sincerely,



Michael Huntley  
Director of Planning and Community Development

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Gateway Water Management Authority  
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**Date: May 23, 2013**

**See Attached Letter from City of Norwalk Dated May 23, 2013 for Public Comments on the GLAC Plan Update 2013**



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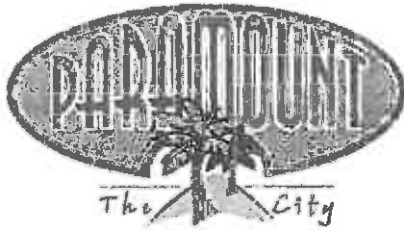
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City Manager

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CITY OF PARAMOUNT



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Director of Public Works

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Alhambra, CA 91803

Subject: Public Comments on Greater Los Angeles County "GLAC" Integrated Regional Water Management Plan "IRWMP" Update 2013

Dear Ms. Paras, et al:

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# Greater Los Angeles Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update 2013

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Date: June 27, 2013

**Agency: City of Santa Fe Springs**

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## CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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June 25, 2013

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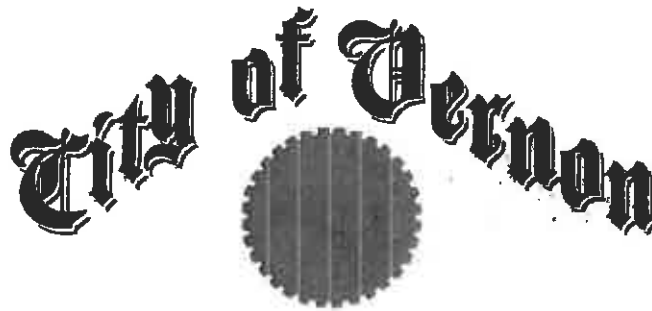


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June 19, 2013

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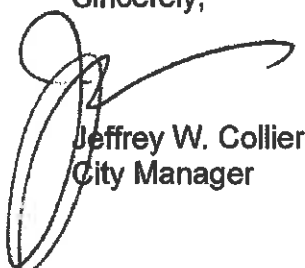
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Jeffrey W. Collier  
City Manager

Ms. Rochelle Paras, Chair  
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